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MR RIDLEY'S VISIT TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

1. We discussed briefly with Mr Ridley Mr Hunt's outline programme (Port Stanley telegram number 160) — (57)

2. It might help Mr Hunt to give him a indication that we are broadly content with what he proposes at this stage. We shall need to consider in more detail when prospects for the visit are clearer.

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YOUR TELNO 101: POSSIBLE VISIT BY MR RIDLEY.

1. I HAVE INFORMED COUNCILLORS IN CONFIDENCE OF PROPOSAL IN TUR. THEY WOULD WELCOME VISIT AND HOPE IT COMES OFF. THEY ASKED THAT ANY PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISIT COULD BE MADE SIMULTANEOUSLY HERE AND IN LONDON.

2. FOR A PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME, I SUGGEST A QUIET WEEK-END, WITH PERHAPS DRINKS ON SUNDAY LUNCHTIME OR EVENING WITH SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. WE COULD ARRANGE A JOINT COUNCILS' MEETING FOR SATURDAY AFTERNOON OR SUNDAY, BUT THIS WOULD BE BOUND TO RAISE THE TEMPERATURE AND CAUSE UNNECESSARY SPECULATION. THE EARLIEST TIME I WOULD RECOMMEND FOR A JOINT COUNCILS' MEETING WOULD BE MONDAY AT 0930 HRS, BUT THIS WOULD MEAN LUXTON AND MONK FLYING IN ON SUNDAY. IF WE MADE IT 1100 HRS THEY COULD PROBABLY GET IN MONDAY MORNING. I SUGGEST LUNCH WITH COUNCILLORS AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE AFTER THE MEETING, FOLLOWED AT 1500 HRS BY A MEETING WITH THE SHEEP OWNERS ASSOCIATION AND AN EVENING RECEPTION AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE. I SUGGEST TUESDAY FOR MEETINGS WITH THE FALKLAND ISLANDS COMMITTEE AND EMPLOYEES UNION AND VISITS IN STANLEY, WITH A PUBLIC RECEPTION IN THE TOWN HALL IN THE EVENING. WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY MR RIDLEY MIGHT LIKE TO SEE SOME OF THE SETTLEMENTS HE DID NOT VISIT LAST TIME. I SUGGEST WEDNESDAY, BY BEAVER TO DARWIN AND FOX BAY EAST, OVER-NIGHT STAY WITH MR AND MRS COCKWELL: THURSDAY TO NEW ISLAND AND CARCASS ISLAND, OVER-NIGHT STAY WITH MR AND MRS MCGILL: FRIDAY TO GREEN PATCH AND RETURN STANLEY.

3. I KNOW THAT MR RIDLEY VISITED DARWIN LAST TIME, BUT I PRESUME HE WILL WANT TO SEE HARDCASTLE, FICO'S SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE ISLANDS (ALTHOUGH I COULD INVITE THE HARDCASTLES TO A FUNCTION IN STANLEY IF MR RIDLEY PREFERRED TO OMIT DARWIN THIS TIME).

4. I SUGGEST FOX BAY BECAUSE IT IS THE ONLY GOVERNMENT STATION OUTSIDE STANLEY AND ALSO COMPRISES TWO FARM SETTLEMENTS. IT IS ON WEST FALKLAND AND CENTRALLY PLACED SHOULD WE WISH TO INVITE PEOPLE FROM PORT STEPHENS AND PORT HOWARD TO MEET MR RIDLEY. I SUGGEST NEW ISLAND AND CARCASS ISLAND IN VIEW OF THEIR SCENIC BEAUTY AND TOURIST POTENTIAL BUT, IF MR RIDLEY WOULD PREFER TO CONCENTRATE ON SHEEP FARMS, WE COULD DROP THESE AND SUBSTITUTE CHARTRES (LUXTON) AND SAN CARLOS (MONK). I SUGGEST GREEN PATCH AS MR RIDLEY WAS UNABLE TO VISIT IT LAST TIME. MR RIDLEY MIGHT ALSO LIKE TO SEE ROY COVE, WHICH I HOPE IS SHORTLY TO BE OFFERED TO FIG FOR SUB-DIVISION ON GREEN PATCH LINES.

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5. WE COULD HAVE A SECOND JOINT COUNCILS' MEETING ON SATURDAY MORNING AND THERE SHOULD BE TIME TO RECORD A BROADCAST BEFORE DEPARTING ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

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